



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AD HOC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

MEETING LOCATION Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Mattly Avenue, Lee Vining, CA 93541

September 17, 2015

These minutes are meant as a summary only. A copy of the audio file is available in the Clerk's office upon request

1:07 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Fesko.

Present: Chairman Fesko, Mike Geary, Rick Mitchell, Dr. Rick Johnson, Supervisor Fred Stump, Frank Frievalt, Dave Robbins, Jack Copeland, Rosemary Sachs, Bob Rooks, Leslie Chapman.

Absent: Ralph Lockhart, Lynda Salcido.

Break: 2:23 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:34 p.m.

Adjourn: 3:59 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Fesko.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Judd Symons:

- He has been a taxpayer for years. He feels that relying on one provider type is not up to standard. He has offered plans to Mono County in the past, but never gotten any response back. His family history in Mono County goes back to 1882, and his grandfather was a Supervisor at one point. He is here as a local. Thinks he has things he can offer to the citizens to improve service to the public.

Frank Frievalt:

- At the Fire Chief's meeting last night, it was announced by Rob DeForrest that breathing apparatuses are back on ambulances. Central to some discussions here. Wanted to make sure everyone knew the announcement was made.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Meeting Minutes

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 3, 2015.

EMS15-07

Johnson moved, Rooks seconded.

Vote; 9 yes; 0 no; Abstain: Copeland, Robbins

B. EMS Models Workshop

(Bill VanLente) - Interactive workshop led by Bill Van Lente regarding potential EMS models for Mono County. Any additional information or attachments will be distributed at the meeting.

Bill VanLente:

- He revised the plan a bit to make it easier to read. Today's focus is on hybrid models, and wants to do an exercise on level of detail. Intent is to help us understand what level of detail we want to present the Board with in our recommendations. As part of the process, it seems some want lots of detail and some want little detail in the final report.
- Went over his new revised schedule for remaining meetings.

Rick Mitchell:

- Some confusion on worksheet, appears all models are of equal value? If we've only taken one vote as a group and decided to devalue one model, then we should not be giving that value equal consideration.
- Feels the committee needs to prioritize what information it wants before presenting recommendations to the Board. Concerned we aren't going to come up with anything more substantial than what Fitch gave us.

Frank Frievalt:

- Thinks the primary goal was to look at needs of the County and look at alternatives to current program, not just focus on the current system. We need to take the time to get proper representatives for other models.

Tim Fesko:

- It's tough to make sure everyone's needs are met, understands the impatience and wanting to get to the meat and potatoes of the matter. Everyone needs to be heard. This is just a concept to try to lay things out.
- The group needs to decide what needs to come out of this committee; there are many different ideas as to what the committee's original purpose was.

Dave Robbins:

- Feels that everyone probably thinks they can solve this problem for the County if given the chance. Suggests the committee take a vote regarding how to move forward, then go with the majority. We need to move forward now.

Mike Geary:

- Would like the opportunity to hear from people who have had to make this decision in the past, not just from those who can provide a service.

Rick Johnson:

- The committee may need clarification as to what the Board wants from the committee. We need to do our due diligence, but does not feel there is enough time.

Fred Stump:

- Prior Boards have known of the need to reevaluate this program. The current Board has finally started the process to deal with the hard questions by forming this committee; there are no easy answers.

General discussion regarding how/when to ask parties of interest / representatives of different models to come give an informational presentation. Stacey Simon suggested this topic be agendized and discussed at the upcoming meeting on the 22nd.

Bill VanLente:

- Using levels of detail on the spreadsheet, went around the table, each person gave their opinion on level of detail needed within the final recommendation to Board.
- Final average of all levels is 6.59 (1 to 10 scale).
- Passed out worksheet to evaluate a hybrid model.
- General discussion – went around the room, each person rated the idea of a hybrid model from -5 to +5.

Fred Stump:

- Depending on the final recommendation, the Board may have to decide whether or not to continue to subsidize the program. Increasing revenues / creating a special assessment may be an option; shows a commitment to the service.
- Thinks it would be a mistake not to present the privatization option to the Board, so not to give the impression that only politically popular options were presented.

Tim Fesko:

- He would love to see a recommendation. He believes in the talent on the committee.
- The EMS program has 24 employees; there is a human part of it. He does not think the public will stand for doing away with the program. This is why the committee was created; to fix it, to come up with a true solution.

Mike Geary:

- Asked for an opinion from a Board member - how can a committee member change his thinking, knowing that his ideas are going before the Board? How much detail does the Board want to see from the committee? Has never heard any Board look at the EMS program from a risk versus gain status.

Rick Mitchell:

- Disappointment over not having discussed increasing revenues for the program.

Jack Copeland:

- What is the benefit of having this as a department of the County? Assuming it's because no one wanted to run it as a private business? Maybe we should ask for RFP and see if anyone is interested.

Leslie Chapman:

- She believes there is a political component to why we have EMS, and we need to confront the politics. Does the Board have the political will to get rid of the program and privatize if necessary?

General discussion in a round on each member's personal feelings about being a part of the process, and what he/she feels the end result can be. The majority of members like being a part of it, and hope to serve the constituents better as a result of the committee recommendations. Many mentioned altruistic motivations, wanting to see something achieved, appreciation for the talent and knowledge base, and interaction of the group. All applauded the diversity of the group and the opportunity to learn from one another.

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TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

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